

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND CAREER PREPARATION**

**Tuesday, March 22, 2005**

**3:25 P.M.**

**Room 326, House Office Building**

**Chairman Wenke** called the meeting to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Reps. Wenke, Emmons, Palmer, Byrnes, Lipsey, Kehrl. (6/7)

**MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Rep. Ward. (1/7)

**Representative Kehrl** moved to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2005 meeting.

**Representative Emmons** supported the motion. Without objections, the minutes were approved.

**Chairman Wenke** laid **HB 4143** and **HB 4144** before the committee.

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| HB 4143 | Moolenaar | Education; students; definition of "eligible student"; revise in postsecondary enrollment options act. |
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| HB 4144 | Moolenaar | Education; students; definition of "eligible student"; clarify in career and technical preparation act. |
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**Brian Shoaf**, from representative Moolenaar's office, testified before the committee in support of **HB 4143** and **HB 4144**.

**David Mills**, representing the Michigan Department of Education, testified before the committee in support of **HB 4143** and **HB 4144**.

**Louise Somalski**, representing the Michigan Federation of Teachers and School Related Personnel, turned in a testimony card in support of **HB 4143** and **HB 4144** but did not wish to speak.

**Dave Stafford**, representing the Michigan Education Association, turned in a testimony card in support of **HB 4143** and **HB 4144** but did not wish to speak.

**Representative Byrnes** moved to report **HB 4143** with recommendation. **Representative Palmer** supported the motion.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**YEAS:** Reps. Wenke, Emmons, Palmer, Byrnes, Kehrl. (5/7)

**NAYS:** None. (0/7)

**PASS:** None. (0/7)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

**Representative Emmons** moved to report **HB 4144** with recommendation. **Representative Kehrl** supported the motion.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**YEAS:** Reps. Wenke, Emmons, Palmer, Byrnes, Kehrl. (5/7)

**NAYS:** None. (0/7)

**PASS:** None. (0/7)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

**Chairman Wenke** laid **HB 4008** and **HB 4074** before the committee.

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| HB 4008    Caswell | Higher education; tuition; reciprocal agreements with other states establishing tuition rates; require certain provisions and legislative approval of renewals. |
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| HB 4074    Caswell | Retirement; public school employees; definition of eligible employees; expand to include administrators or faculty employed at a community college on a part-time basis. |
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**Representative Caswell**, sponsor of the legislation, testified before the committee.

**Tom Martin**, representing the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth, turned in a testimony card in support of **HB 4008** but did not wish to speak.

**David Mills**, representing the Michigan Department of Education, turned in a testimony card in support of **HB 4008** but did not wish to speak.

**Courtney McAnuff**, representing Eastern Michigan University, testified before the committee in support of **HB 4008**.

**Bonnie Carpenter**, representing the Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel, turned in a testimony card in opposition to **HB 4074** but did not wish to speak.

**Louise Somalski**, representing the Michigan Federation of Teachers and School Related Personnel, turned in a testimony card in opposition to **HB 4074** but did not wish to speak.

**Brian Whiston**, representing Oakland Schools, turned in a testimony card in opposition to **HB 4074** but did not wish to speak.

**Dave Stafford**, representing the Michigan Education Association, turned in a testimony card in opposition to **HB 4074** but did not wish to speak.

**Nancy Stanley**, representing the Michigan Elementary Principles Association, turned in a testimony card in opposition to **HB 4074** but did not wish to speak.

**Chris Derosé**, representing the Michigan Department of Management and Budget, Office of Retirement Services, testified before the committee in opposition to **HB 4074**.

**Ellen Hoekstra**, representing the Retirement and Coordinating Council, testified before the committee in opposition to **HB 4074**.

**Don Wotruba**, representing the Michigan Association of School Boards, testified before the committee in opposition to **HB 4074**.

**Chairman Wenke** laid **HB 4360** before the committee.

HB 4360    Bieda                      Higher education; community colleges; removal of board members who miss board meetings without valid excuses; provide for.

**Representative Bieda**, sponsor of the legislation, testified before the committee.

**Norm Schlafmann**, representing himself, testified before the committee with a neutral position on **HB 4360**.

**Representative Lipsey** moved to excuse absent members. **Representative Emmons** supported the motion. No objections being made, absent members were excused.

**Tom Martin**, representing the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth, turned in a testimony card in support of **HB 4360** but did not wish to speak.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned, the time being **4:26 p.m.**

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**Representative Lorence Wenke, Chair**

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